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TO AMEMBASSY LOURENCO MARQUES PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CHARGE'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON

FOR CHARGE

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 2

1. IN VIEW OF YOUR IMPENDING DEPARTURE, DEPT. ASSUMES YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FAREWELL CALL ON CHISSANO IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE CARSON. PROVIDED FAREWELL CALL CAN BE ARRANGED, WE REQUEST THAT YOU RAISE TWO OTHER MATTERS WITH CHISSANO. FIRST, YOU SHOULD INFORM CHISSANO OF THE DEC. 30 WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DE PREE (STATE 304220). YOU MIGHT EXPLAIN THAT, BECAUSE SENATE IS IN RECESS UNTIL JAN. 19 AND DUE TO THE VARIOUS STEPS IN THE SENATE CONFIRMATION PROCESS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL DATE IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

2. SECOND SUBJECT TO BE RAISED WOULD BE THE DETAINED MISSIONARIES. SUBJECT TO YOUR DISCRETION, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU

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SHOULD EXPRESS REGRET THAT THIS MATTER HAS NOT YET BEEN

CLARIFIED EITHER BY RELEASING THE MISSIONARIES OR BY MAKING
CLEAR THE BASIS FOR THEIR DETENTION. YOU COULD POINT OUT
THAT THIS MATTER IS THE SUBJECT OF STRONG AND CONTINUING

PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN. IN PARTICULAR, THE
AMERICAN PUBLIC DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY AFTER MORE THAN
FOUR MONTHS THE MISSIONARIES HAVE NEITHER BEEN RELEASED
NOR THE BASIS FOR THEIR CONTINUED DETENTION MADE KNOWN.
CHISSANO SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS MATTER IS ADVERSELY
AFFECTING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF MOZAMBIQUE
AND COMPLICATING SINCERE USG EFFORTS TO BUILD GOOD
RELATIONSHIP WITH GPRM. KISSINGER

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